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1. PURSUANT REF B, CONFIRMED BY REF C, TECHNICAL LEVEL
OFFICIALS FROM SWISS FEDERAL AIR OFFICE MADE ONE-TIME
OBSERVATION VISIT TO RHEIN-MAIN ON 19 FEBRUARY. EMBASSY
BERN AIR ATTACHE ACCOMPANIED GOS OFFICIALS.

2. SWISS OFFICIALS WERE PLEASED AT COOPERATIVE ASSISTANCE
AND HOSPITALITY OFFERED THEM AND MARVELED AT
ORGANIZATION AND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY USED FOR CARGO/MED EVAC
AIRLIFT. THEY EXPRESSED GENERAL FEELING THAT
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IT WOULD BE TOO COMPLICATED TO HIDE ANY POSSIBLE VIOLATION

OF SWISS REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING OVERFLIGHTS AND
WERE FULLY CONVINCED THAT USAFE/MAC OPERATIONS WERE
STRICTLY COMPLYING WITH THESE REQUIREMENTS.

3. SWISS VISITORS WILL SUBMIT REPORT TO DR. GULDIMANN
OF FEDERAL AIR OFFICE ON 25 FEBRUARY AND HOPE TO GIVE
INDICATION OF SWISS INTENT WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

4. ON BASIS VISIT SWISS REPS APPEARED SATISFIED CONCERNING
TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS THAT NORMALLY
OVERFLY SWITZERLAND, BUT POLITICAL ASPECTS MAY STILL CAUSE
PROBLEMS IN REACHING ANY MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENT.
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